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To Whom It May Concern::

I am writing to express my opposition to the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's proposal to repeal the Clinton administration's rules on federal contractor responsibility. The rules require contracting officers to look at a company's record of complying with the law in deciding whether the company is a "responsible contractor" eligible to receive a federal contract.

A company's record of complying with the law should be an important factor in making government contracting decisions. Companies with track records of discriminating against women, people of color, people with disabilities or others in violation of our civil rights laws shouldn't be rewarded with lucrative federal contracts. Instead, those contracts should go to responsible, law-abiding companies that respect their obligations under the law.

I urge the FAR Council not to repeal the contractor responsibility rules and to let the rules go into effect without further delay.

Making federal contracts contingent upon compliance with anti-discrimination laws shows sincere support for our civil rights to do otherwise is treasonous.

Sincerely,
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